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S. 205

To authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish in the State of Louisiana a memorial to honor the Buffalo Soldiers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. VITTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Buffalo Soldiers com-
5 memoration Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF BUFFALO SOLDIERS MEMO-**
7 **RIAL.**

8 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The American Battle Monu-
9 ments Commission is authorized to establish a memorial

1 to honor the Buffalo Soldiers in or around the City of New
 2 Orleans on land donated for such purpose or on Federal
 3 land with the consent of the appropriate land manager.

4 (b) CONTRIBUTIONS.—The Commission shall solicit
 5 and accept contributions for the construction and mainte-
 6 nance of the memorial.

7 (c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Commission
 8 may enter into a cooperative agreement with a private or
 9 public entity for the purpose of fundraising for the con-
 10 struction and maintenance of the memorial.

11 (d) MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT.—Prior to beginning
 12 construction of the memorial, the Commission shall enter
 13 into an agreement with an appropriate public or private
 14 entity to provide for the permanent maintenance of the
 15 memorial and shall have sufficient funds, or assurance
 16 that it will receive sufficient funds, to complete the memo-
 17 rial.

18 **SEC. 3. BUFFALO SOLDIERS MEMORIAL ACCOUNT.**

19 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Commission shall main-
 20 tain an escrow account (“account”) to pay expenses in-
 21 curred in constructing the memorial.

22 (b) DEPOSITS INTO THE ACCOUNT.—The Commis-
 23 sion shall deposit into the account any principal and inter-
 24 est by the United States that the Chairman determines
 25 has a suitable maturity.

1 (c) USE OF ACCOUNT.—Amounts in the account, in-
2 cluding proceeds of any investments, may be used to pay
3 expenses incurred in establishing the memorial. After con-
4 struction of the memorial amounts in the account shall
5 be transferred by the Commission to the entity providing
6 for permanent maintenance of the memorial under such
7 terms and conditions as the Commission determines will
8 ensure the proper use and accounting of the amounts.

9 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
11 as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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